Alternative NH for Madurai to Ramanathapuram in Tamil Nadu

3347. DR. K. MALAISAMY:
SHRI S. ANBALAGAN:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the process of extending National Highways in Tamil Nadu, it has rightly been expressed through press and other sources that Madurai to Ramanathapuram should have an laternative National Highway (NH) *via* Varichiyur, Sivaganga, Ilayangudi, Nainarkoil, Ramanathapuram which would serve the backward area, shorter in distance, less of over bridges, less of and acquisition cost, etc. comparing the cost involved in marking the existing NH road into a four-lane road;

(b) the steps taken/contemplated by Government on this issue; and

(c) the progress made, if any, on this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA):

(a) No proposal for creation of any alternative National Highway to the existing National Highway No. 49 between Madurai and Ramanathapuram has been received from State Government.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Road accidents in the Metros

3348. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that road accidents are increasing in the country especially in the metros;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the steps Government is taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA):

(a) and (b) As per the report by the States/UTs, the details regarding road accident on all roads and 22 mega cities during the years 2004, 2005 and 2006 (the latest available data) are enclosed as Statement. (*See* below).

(c) The safety of road users is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government. However, this department has taken several steps to improve road safety for the road users which are as under:

(i) Road safety is the integral part of road design at the planning stage for National Highways/Expressways.

(ii) Various steps to enhance road safety such as road furniture, road markings/raod signs, introduction of Highways Traffic Management System using Intelligent Transport System, enhancement of discipline among contractors during construction, raod safety audit on selected stretches, have been undertaken by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).

(iii) Refresher training to Heavy Motor Vehicle drivers in the unorganized sector.

(iv) Involvement of NGOs for road safety activities by Department of Road Transport and Highways and NHAI.

(v) Setting up of Model Driving Traning School in the country by Department of Road Transport and Highways.

(vi) Publicity campaign on raod safety awareness through audio-visual-print media by Department of Raod Transport and Highways.

(vii) Institution of National Award for voluntary organizations/individual for outstanding work in the field of road safety by Department of Road Transport and Highways.

(viii) Tightening of safety standards of vehicles.

(ix) Provision of cranes and ambulances to various State Government/NGOs under National Highway Accient Relief Service Scheme. National Highways Authority of India also provides ambulances at a distance of 50 Km. on each of its completed highways under its Operation and Maintenance contracts.

(x) Widening and improvements of National Highways from 2 lanes to 4 lanes and 4 lanes to 6 lanes etc.

Statement

State-wise number of Road Accidents in India on all Roads during the year 2004, 2005 *and* 2006

States/UTs.	2004	2005	2006(P)
1	2	3	4
Andhra Pradesh	38904	37131	43559
Arunachal Pradesh	241	231	250
Assam	3688	4258	4694
Bihar	4027	3768	5594
Chhattisgarh	10600	11164	11934
Goa	3525	3577	3707
Gujarat	30630	30515	31547
Haryana	9321	9298	10314
Himachal Pradesh	2808	2797	2727
Jammu & Kashmir	6257	5664	5593
Jharkhand	4614	5013	4980
Karnataka	38869	40330	43411
Kerala	41219	42295	41728
Madhya Pradesh	32445	35123	38041
Maharashtra	67720	72408	75413
Manipur	468	600	521
Meghalaya	433	428	435
Mizoram	83	96	95
Nagaland	140	226	194
Orissa	7278	7593	7729
Punjab	4346	4599	4927

1	2	3	4
Rajasthan	23243	23115	23348
Sikkim	159	189	188
Tamil Nadu	52508	53866	55145
Tripura	645	657	793
Uttaranchal	1252	1332	1461
Uttar Pradesh	18493	18325	19489
West Bengal	14431	12597	11324
A & N Islands	215	205	154
Chandigarh	417	530	517
D & N Haveli	111	127	103
Daman & Diu	61	62	57
Delhi	9087	9351	9299
Lakshadweep	3	5	10
Pondicherry	1633	1780	1639
TOTAL:	429910	439255	460920

(P): Provisional

Road Accidents on city Roads in Major Cities of India for the year 2004, 2005 & 2006

Sl. No.	Cities	2004	2005	2006
1	Ahmedabad	2435	2460	2601
2	Bengaluru	9131	7709	7576
3	Bhopal	2411	2691	2851
4	Chennai	4890	4499	7400
5	Coimbatore	1223	1214	1306
6	Delhi	9087	9351	9189
7	Hyderabad	3525	3088	3477
8	Indore	3909	3140	3122
9	Jaipur	2042	2367	2379
10	Kanpur	900	898	887
11	Kochi	3123	3050	2738
12	Kolkata	3751	2180	2276
13	Lucknow	921	957	1008
14	Ludhiana	423	438	473
15	Madurai	906	836	727
16	Mumbai	25677	29265	30984
17	Nagpur	1540	1627	1708
18	Pune	2119	2141	2133
19	Surat	1484	1441	1347
20	Vadodara	1547	1494	1435
21	Varanasi	NA	229	239
22	Visakhapatnam	969	1025	1532

NA = Not Available